

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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<b>IN RE: USAO CERTIFICATION FOR</b>	)	
<b>CRIMINAL CASES FILED IN</b>	)	SO-21-04
<b>CHATTANOOGA DIVISION</b>	)	
	)	Chief District Judge
	)	Travis R. McDonough
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**STANDING ORDER**

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) shall, for all new criminal cases filed in the Chattanooga Division of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, certify to the Court whether the matter was pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020 as follows:

1. The USAO shall submit a certification with each new criminal case filed in the Court's Chattanooga Division stating whether the matter was pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020.
2. The certification shall be filed with the case-initiating document (such as the complaint, indictment, information, etc.) in the Court's Electronic Case Filing System (CM/ECF).
3. If the certification states that the matter was not pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020, the case will be directly assigned to United States District Judge Charles E. Atchley, Jr.

4. If the certification states that the matter was pending on or before December 21, 2020, the case will be randomly assigned to either Chief United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough or Senior United States District Judge Curtis L. Collier.

This certification requirement will remain in effect until further ordered by the Court.

**SO ORDERED.**

  

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**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**